

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular body and frame assembly comprising:
a plurality of structural components that are secured together in such a manner as to form a space frame assembly defining an enclosed three-dimensional space for receiving occupants of a vehicle; and

a plurality of body closure panels mounted on said structural components of said space frame assembly to form the vehicular body and frame assembly, each of said plurality of body closure panels having a recess formed therein that receives a portion of an associated one of said plurality of structural components to mount said plurality of body closure panels on said structural components of said vehicle frame assembly;

a first sealing device disposed between each of said body closure panels and said plurality of structural components; and

a second sealing device provided on each of said body closure panels, said second sealing devices adapted to provide a sealed engagement with other components of the vehicular body and frame assembly.

2. (Previously Presented) The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein each of said body closure panels is a generally flat panel having one or more open spaces provided therein to support other components of the vehicular body and frame assembly thereon.

3. (Original) The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of body closure panels includes at least one of a door closure panel, a front windshield closure panel, a rear windshield closure panel, and a floor pan closure panel.

4. (Original) The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of body closure panels includes each of a door closure panel, a front windshield closure panel, a rear windshield closure panel, and a floor pan closure panel.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 [[5]] wherein each of said recesses is sized and shaped in accordance with a size and shape of said associated ones of said plurality of structural components.

7. (Currently Amended) The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 [[6]] wherein each of said recesses is sized and shaped to receive said associated ones of said plurality of structural components in a snap fit relationship.

8 - 9. (Canceled).